World Bank's approach towards India's Power Sector

4054. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank is now insisting on privatisation of existing power units and discourage public sector in the energy field in future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what is the response of Government to the report that was realised in February, 1993 outlining the World Bank's new approach to the energy sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) Private Sector participation in power projects is being encouraged by the Government, inter-alia, to bridge the resource gap of proposed capacity addition in the VIII Plan and beyond and not because of any conditionalities imposed by the World Bank. The background paper for a seminar on proposed Power Management & Implementation Review, held in Goa, in October, 1992, prepared by the World Bank refers to the need for commercialising State-owned power utilities, their earning a minimum statutory rate of return on capital invested, improving the efficiency of the regulatory mechanisms in the power sector and emphasise energy conservation, particularly end-use efficiency. These aspects are already receiving attention, of the Union Government.

Progress of work at Mejia Thermal Power Project

4055. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work at the Mejia Thermal Power Project is in progress;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof.

(c) whether it is also a fact that this project will help establish communication link with industrial areas, especilaly between Ranigunja and Mejia; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Physical progress in terms of approximate percentages of work completed are given below :—

Unit 1	37%
Unit 2	25%
Unit 3	18%
Complete Project	27%

(c) and (d) To link Mejia Thermal Power Station, a rail-cum-road bridge over the river Damodar near Ranigunje is under construction. Formation work has already been started from Raniugnje side

Installed capacity Power Plants in Northern States

4056. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity of the existing power plants in Northern States, plant-wise and State-wise;

(b) what is the approximate power requirement of the States; and

(c) what steps are being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to generate additional power to meet the requirement of each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The installed capacity of the existing power plants in Northern Region, plant-wise and State-wise; is given in Annexure. (See Appendix CLXVI-64)

(b) The estimated energy requarement in each State in Northern Region during April, 1992-February, 1993 is given below:—

State/UT	Estimated Energy Requirement (Figs. in MU net)
Chandigarh	581
Delhi	9360
Haryana	10460
Himachal Pradesh	1397
Jammu & Kashmir	3305
Punjab	16960
Rajasthan	12987
Uttar Pradesh	29760
NORTHERN REGION	84810

(c) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Northern Region include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation short gestation project, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction in T & D losses implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from suplus to deficit States. To generate additional power to meet the power requirements of Northern States, it is envisaged to add 9849.3 MW of capacity during the 8th Five Year Plan in the Northern Region including Cental Sector Projects.

Plant load factor of State Electricity Boards

4057. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Plant Load Factor of various State Electricity Boards; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the result of these Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the period April—February, 1993 the Plant Load Factor of thermal power stations of various State Electricity Boards was 53.6 per cent.

(b) Various measures being taken to increase the Plant Load Factor are Renovation and Modernisation of old units, assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking Plant Betterment Programme. supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal; training of operation and Maintenance personnel; Productivity award scheme and scheme for efficient operation of thermal stations etc.